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## Petition filed by Clark family against Coffee County Deputy in daughter's death

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The family of Kacy Clark has taken civil action against Mark Anderson, individually and in his capacity as an agent of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, by filing a petition in the Circuit Court of Coffee County.

A petition to perpetuate and obtain discovery pursuant to Rule 27, Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure, has been filed with the Circuit Clerk's office by Wallace Clark, the father of Miss Clark.

Miss Clark died on Sunday, April 9, 2000 from injuries suffered in a one-car crash that occurred the previous night, Saturday, April 8, 2000 shortly before 11 p.m.

According to reports, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies were attempting to stop a vehicle driven by Miss Clark for a traffic offense. The vehicle failed to yield to deputies and attempted to elude them. After a chase that covered several miles, the Clark vehicle left the road and overturned several times. Miss Clark was ejected from the vehicle. She was airlifted from the crash scene by a Medivac helicopter to a Dothan hospital where she later died.

Rule 27, explained in simple layman's terms, is a legal vehicle by which evidence or potential evidence in a possible lawsuit may be obtained for review by parties (clients and attorneys) who might become involved in litigation.

Initially, the petition filed on or about Jan. 5, 2001 by Attorney Keith T. Belt Jr., an attorney with the law firm of Pittman, Hooks, Dutton & Hollis of Birmingham, Ala., on behalf of Wallace Clark was denied on Jan. 9 by Circuit Judge Thomas E. Head III. In denying the petition, Judge Head's order read: "Said petition is unverified and the accompanying pleading does not conform to the notice and

serve requirement under Rule 27. Petitioner is allowed 21 days to cure the noted technical deficiencies, or in default thereof said petition is dismissed.

On Jan. 16, 2001, the petition was refiled with the Circuit Clerk's office along with the accompanying necessary requirements and documentation. At that time, Judge Head issued a court order which stated the following: (1.) The Petitioner and/or his legal counsel shall be allowed to inspect and photograph any and all Coffee County Sheriff Department vehicles used in the pursuit of Kacy Clark on or about April 8, 2000; (3.) The Petitioner and/or his legal counsel shall be allowed to inspect and copy any and all records regarding repair, change and/or alteration to said vehicle(s) since the date of the occurrence, including, but not limited to, service and maintenance records and disclosures of damage and repairs; (4.) That all discovery granted herein is subject to the protective limitations of Rule 34, as well as the recognized privileges extended to documents or testimony prepared in anticipation of litigation, work product, attorney work product, or attorney-client privilege. Should a dispute arise as to the discoverability of any documents or other information subject to being furnished pursuant hereto, same are to be delivered to the court in a sealed condition for *in-camera* inspection or review; (5.) That any documents or other information furnished pursuant to this order shall only be used as contemplated or allowed by Rule 27, and for no other reason; and (6.)

That any cost or expense of production associated with granted discovery shall be borne by the Petitioner.

Prior to the above action, a \$10 million claim was filed with the Coffee County Commission on Tuesday, April 25, 2000. The claim was denied due to the fact that the commission failed or refused to enter upon its minutes the allowance or reduction of the claim within 90 days of its receipt. This is as noted in Section 6-5-20 of the Alabama Code.

A Coffee County - Elba Division grand jury convened in October of 2000 and reviewed the facts as presented in connection with the fatal car crash that resulted in the death of Kacy Lee Clark, 16, of Jack.

According to the report from the grand jury, it found no evidence of criminal conduct by a Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy in connection with the tragic incident.

District Attorney Mark Fuller commended the grand jury for their diligence in inquiring into every aspect of this case. "There are questions that may never be answered, but based upon investigation and testimony that was presented to the grand jury, the grand jury found no criminal conduct on behalf of Deputy Mark Anderson in this case; therefore, a no-bill or rather no indictment was returned," said Fuller.

The incident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers and the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office.

## Coffee County's voting list purged in accordance with state law

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

There were 1,694 less voters in Coffee County as of December 31 - inactive voters that is. These voters joined some 200,000 other voters statewide who were purged from the list of qualified voters in the State of Alabama.

According to Ms. Ella Jean Vaughan, member of the Board of Registrars, the list of qualified voters presently registered to vote in Coffee County elections now totals 24,158 as of mid-January.

A complete list of the voters to be removed from the county's voters' list was published in local newspapers with instructions to contact the local Board of Registrars in order to update voter registration information. Vaughan said that less than twenty-five persons contacted the Registrars' office.

The names that were published were those voters who could not be contacted by the registrars offices across the state and who have not voted in an election in the past four years.

The procedure is part of the vote verification system adopted by the Alabama Legislature in 1996 to comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

According to Secretary of State Jim Bennett's office, since the 1996 law was passed, there have been, statewide, more than 440,000 names placed on an

inactive list. By the end of January, 200,000 voters' names will no longer be on this list.

As a result of the ongoing voter verification effort by local boards of registrars, coordinated by the Secretary of State's office, all 67 counties in Alabama have significantly cleaned up voters' rolls.

In accordance with the law, a non-forwardable postcard was sent out to all registered voters in 1997 requesting them to re-identify - verify their voting status - by filling out the card and returning it to the registrars' office.

In cases where postcards were returned as undeliverable, registrars sent a second postcard - this one being forwardable - asking the voter to update the information on file. If the postcard was returned or no response was received, the voter was placed on the "inactive" list.

Voters who did not update their voting information as requested and did not vote in the November 2000 General Election were removed from the voting rolls as of December 31, 2000.

According to Ms. Vaughan, now that these names have been purged from the voting list, the process will begin again with postcards going out to ALL registered voters in the county at the end of January. This is repeated every four years in accordance with the law.



## Elba citizens study maps of proposed U.S. Highway 84 project at Monday night meeting

Hundreds of Elba citizens flocked to the Elba Elementary School Monday evening to learn more about the plans and timetables of the Alabama Highway Department in the ongoing project to 4-lane U. S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia. This will connect with the portion of Highway 84 already 4-laned from the Alabama State line, through Dothan and to Enterprise.

Ronnie Baldwin, engineer with the highway department, gave a rough timetable of how the work will proceed on the

portion, under review at the Monday night public hearing.

Within a week or two after the hearing Monday night, engineers will review the comments submitted and consider necessary changes.

The next two weeks will see a right-of-way map and cost estimates prepared. These will be submitted to Montgomery and the Federal Highway Administration for approval and authorization to proceed with the work.

Within three to four weeks of this, authorization is expected to be approved and appraisals of

individual properties should begin.

It will take about 60 days to complete the appraisals. The legal division then will prepare offers and contact individual property owners with firm offers to buy. This will take another three to four months. Homes and businesses will be first on this list, as it will take them longer to relocate.

Highway Department personnel expect to be completed with this right-of-way acquisition in the Elba to Curtis portion before the end of the year 2001.

## Deadline nears for sign up on county-wide water system

The Coffee County Water Authority will hold a water users sign up on Thursday (TONIGHT), Feb. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the County Line Baptist Church on U.S. Hwy. 92. This is the last scheduled sign up at this time. The deadline for signing up for the new water system is Friday, Feb. 16. Anyone who signs up after this date will have to pay a minimum of \$400 for a meter to be placed in front of their property. The fee could run as high as \$500-\$600.

There are an estimated 1,100 homes in the area being covered by Phase I of the county-wide water system. It includes areas of southern Coffee County that are not presently served by a water system.

Phase II, which will cover the needs of the northern portion of the county, is set to start as soon as the first phase is completed. It is estimated that Phase I should be finished and in operation within the next two years.

Meetings have been held around the county since November of last year, and there are around 500-550 sign-ups. There needs to be 920 to make the project succeed as it is planned. If the required number of sign ups is not achieved, the project will be sealed down and some people who want and need the water might not receive it.

Anyone who lives south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and who is not already served by an existing water system is asked to sign up. If for some reason a person does not receive water to their property, he/she will be reimbursed the \$25 sign up fee. Those who have taken a water users agreement home from one of the meetings are asked to send them in as soon as possible.

Those wishing to sign up may go to the county complex office

in New Brockton and pay the \$25 and sign the water users agreement. Everyone is reminded that the deadline to sign up is Friday, Feb. 16.

The water supply of county residents currently served by a water system will not be affected. Thus far, the Curtis Water Authority is the only system to join in the county-wide project.

For more information, call Dr. Jim Paulk at 894-6366, Dale Mosley, at 897-2235 or Austin Mixon at 894-2240.

## \*NOTICE\*

Corrections need to be made on the granite memorial plaques displayed in the county courthouse in Enterprise honoring those citizens from Coffee County who have given their lives in service to their country. Extensive steps have been taken to properly recognize each person and the County Commission has agreed to provide funding for a new, corrected marker. Due to a strong desire to "give honor where honor is due," anyone with any knowledge of additions or corrections to the war memorial plaque now on display is asked to contact Mr. Wilson Mobley, Jr. at 894-5556. Accuracy is the goal so citizens are requested to make this contact with Mr. Mobley no later than February 15, 2001 to insure absolute correct information goes to the engraver. Due to the expenses related to this project, citizens are asked to please not ask that a name be removed, or changed, unless the name is known for sure to be incorrect as now shown on the plaque.

## Area Happenings

**COTTON MEETING.** The Ultra Narrow Row Cotton Meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 11 a.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Dr. Dale Monks, Auburn University Cotton Specialist, and George Trotter with GTO Industries will be speaking. This will be a rather informal meeting with lunch provided.

**GRAHAM WEEKS BENEFIT** There will be a Graham Weeks Benefit Bar-B-Que held on Saturday, February 3, at the Kinship High School Lunchroom in Kinship, AL. Plates will be \$5.00 each. No tickets are being sold and the bar-b-que will be sold on a first-come-first-serve basis. Pick up will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**PEANUT PRODUCERS' MEETING.** The Alabama Peanut Producers Association meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 9, at the Civic Center in Ozark. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. with the program starting at 10 a.m. There will be speakers, a sponsored dinner and door prizes. The meeting will adjourn around 1 p.m. The Coffee County Peanut Production meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Dallas Hartzog, Ron Weeks, Austin Hagan, Bob Lisee and John Everest will be speaking on peanut crop management. A sponsored dinner and door prizes will be included.

**ELBA CITY LIBRARY ADDITIONAL HOURS.** The Elba City Library will be opening on Saturday from 9:00-12:00 starting Feb. 3, 2001.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

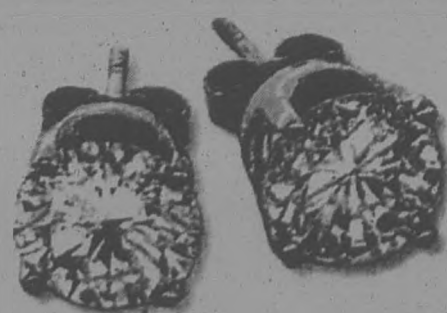
There is a lot of public interest in the planned widening of U. S. 84, as evidenced by the healthy turn out of local citizens at the Monday night public hearing. The part being discussed Monday night only included the portion from Martin L. King Drive (on the bypass) and out to Curtis, but the highway folks did respond to a few questions on other sections. The Curtis to Opp portion was discussed in an earlier hearing. Another section, the portion from Martin L. King East to Highway 125 (Smith Avenue) is expected to be ready for a public hearing at least by mid March.

It was interesting to watch the reaction of property owners who will be impacted by the 4-lane highway work. Some are very upset about losing their homes and or business while others, with dreams of moving somewhere else or building brand new facilities, are disappointed that their property is not in the path of those to be purchased. We talked with one couple that is apparently pleased with the whole plan, even though they will have to give up some of their front yard to the wider road. That is probably the best attitude because there is little an individual can do to buck the machine of progress anyway. By accepting it and seeking out the advantages, an individual will probably live longer and for sure will enjoy a much happier and peaceful life.

It was encouraging to hear that the Elba Rec Center didn't leak during the Monday night rains. This was the first trial of the facility since the new metal roof was installed by city employees earlier this month, and it passed the test just like the planners said it would.

The members of the Alabama Legislature are about to go into session with a heavy burden hanging over their heads. Along with the regular problems, and the reality that they must again face the mountainous problem of reapportionment the group is facing the reality of proration of state funds. Right now Governor Siegelman is looking at calling for up to 8% proration of the educational trust fund, which is better at this time of the fiscal year, rather than waiting until the last few months when huge monthly cuts, or worse actual shut downs, would be necessary to make the 8% annual reduction possible. The general fund will probably see the same tightness of funds, but will be handled by not funding projects, rather than by proration tactics.

The electric power shortage and spiraling cost in California, apparently came as a shock to the citizens of that state. The scary thing is that it could very well spread across the nation in the next few years. There are already predictions that natural gas shortages will get worse (and prices higher) nationwide over the next ten years. Of course the California problem should have been seen coming several years ago. When that state deregulated the wholesale cost of electric power, but continued to tightly control the retail price, all they were doing was playing the politics of the day . . . not long term benefits for the people. Regardless of what the consumer advocate groups, environmentalist, etc. said or continue to say, that will not work economically for long. Nor will the environmentalist position of no new power plants "in our back yard" keep the state or nation growing and prospering. We are amazed to read that the same folks who pushed for the existing deregulation are now bemoaning the results and placing the blame on the very people who are forced to buy 15¢ or so electric power and are required by state laws promoted by consumer groups to sell it for a nickel. Somewhere in that equation there is a bad flaw, a flaw that will surface more often sooner, rather than later, any time it is put under the stress of continued use in a capitalistic society. Why do people mess with our tried and true system of supply and demand when it works so well when left alone.



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## If you can read this...thank a teacher

by John Drape  
At the recent Golden Globe Awards, Al Pacino was presented with one of the highest recognitions given in the entertainment industry. Upon receiving the award, it was interesting to me that he thanked first his mother and then a teacher. He told of a teacher who saw promise in him at an early age. The teacher had encouraged him and even visited his home to teach. Teachers have tremendous capacity to influence our lives. Hiam Ginott wrote, "As a teacher, I possess tremendous power to make a student's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument

of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal." Most of us remember a teacher who really made a difference in our lives - a teacher who inspired, motivated or believed in us. Those teachers helped mold us into what we are today. I can look back on some bumper stickers about schools. Recently, I saw one that said, "If You Can Read This, Thank a Teacher." It's good advice for all of us.

John Drape is the executive director for the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS). CLAS is the only statewide professional organization dedicated to meeting the needs of school leaders. CLAS is composed of 11 affiliate groups each representing a different area of school administration and supervision. More than 2,200 members comprise the state's voice for school leaders.

Megan Parrish and Donald Jones. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Iverson Kelley, Harry Griffin, Lamar Daniels, Shane Warren, Winston Kelley, Belinda Nelson, James Coleman, Rusty Gray, Melissa Hutto, Asia Kyles, Frances Bryan, Brittney Stokes, Johnny Manning, Claude Gulley, Katherine Cole, Ida Hooks, Rusty Gray, Harry Griffin, Frances Bryan, Bernice Carkner, Julia Harrell, Mageline Stephens, Abigail Hutto, Shane Warren, James Coleman, Hazel Parker, Asia Kyles, Mary Parrish, Robert Armstrong,

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of January 22, 2001, through January 28, 2001: They were: Claude Daniels, Jessie Stackhouse, Susan Keith, Robert Watley, Ida Mae Hooks, Tamera Watson, Belinda Nelson, Winston Kelley, Hannah Lindsey, Iverson Kelley, Katherine Cole, Lamar Daniels, Vada Lamb, Rusty Gray, Harry Griffin, Frances Bryan, Bernice Carkner, Julia Harrell, Mageline Stephens, Abigail Hutto, Shane Warren, James Coleman, Hazel Parker, Asia Kyles, Mary Parrish, Robert Armstrong,

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, January 22, 2001, investigated the following incidents: one stray dog, one criminal mischief, one burglary, two criminal mischiefs, three thefts of property, one damage to property, one rabid dog, two assaults (domestic violence), one DUI, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one possession of marijuana, one harassment (domestic violence), one missing person, and one harassing communication.

The following arrests were made: two for failure to appear, two for harassment, one for failure to pay, one for violation of open container law, two for assault, one for criminal mischief, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, and one for possession of marijuana.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: sixteen for speeding, three for driving while driver's license are suspended, eight for no insurance, eight for violation of seat belt law, one for running a red light, three for running a stop sign, one for driver's license not in possession, one for no tag, one for insurance violation, one for driving with expired driver's license, and one for DUI.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, JANUARY 22 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on East Davis Street (3:54 a.m.); River stage - 6:19 (6:23 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 51 (4:11 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 - River stage - 5:69 (6:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to New Brockton High School (9:04 a.m.); Burglary reported at the corner of Martin Luther King Drive and Thomas Street (3:19 p.m.).

## BULLETIN BOARD

- SOCIAL SECURITY REP - Courthouse 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213
- ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m.
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. -
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon, Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Driscoll hangar
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## From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

CLINTON LEAVES OFFICE  
AMID CONTROVERSY

The eight years of the Clinton-Gore Administration were likely some of the most controversial of any American presidency. From the question of the death of a top adviser, to traveling, to filegate, and Chinagate, to improper Arlington National Cemetery burials, to Monica Lewinsky and impeachment, it seemed that the outgoing Administration took the White House to new lows which could not be easily topped, even by itself. That is until last week when it was revealed that there was improper behavior going on in the White House right down to the final hours of Clinton's governance.

News reports in the days following the conclusion of the previous Administration paint a bizarre litany of events at both the White House and the Old Executive Office Building (Vice President's offices), as well as on the former Air Force One, of staff destroying and walking away with government property, while the President happily pardoned scores of friends without input from federal law enforcement officials.

For starters, there is lots of criticism from both liberals and conservatives concerning the 140 presidential pardons issued by Clinton during his last day in office. Chief among them is the pardon of billionaire Marc Rich, a fugitive from American law enforcement, who was indicted in 1983 on more than 50 counts of tax evasion, wire fraud, trading with Iran, and racketeering. He managed to escape justice and has been hiding in Switzerland while his wife, befriended President Clinton and dropped hundreds of thousands of dollars into Democratic coffers. In issuing his pardon of Mr. Rich, Clinton did not obtain a customary Justice Department review.

The Rich case is reminiscent of a similar incident in which a wealthy campaign contributor and friend of the Clinton White House, Larry Lawrence, was granted a burial waiver at Arlington National Cemetery even though he did not qualify for the high honor and had falsified his resume to show a war record. If my House VA subcommittee had not exposed this, injustice and doggedly confronted the Clinton Administration, this affront to America's war heroes would have gone unnoticed. To the last day, the Clinton Administration refused my official requests for White House documents surrounding the improper Lawrence burial

waiver. Reports last week also revealed that outgoing Clinton-Gore staffers damaging the White House complex of offices by cutting phone lines, damaging computer keyboards, overturning desks, gluing file cabinets shut, scrawling profane graffiti on office hallways, and even hiding obscene material amid reams of computer printer paper. The outgoing Administration characterized these acts as pranks. That monumental understatement is not surprising coming from an Administration which was completely void of personal accountability.

Apparently the assault on America's taxpayers, who will have to pay for all these

"pranks," continued right down to the last hours of the Clinton Administration. As Mr. Clinton flew home to New York one last time on Air Force One (renamed Special Air Mission), his staff reportedly stripped the plane of its official china, silverware, and linens, all of which are U.S. Government property.

In sharp contrast, the new Bush Administration has required all its staff to adhere to a strict code of legal and ethical conduct befitting the stature of the positions which they will occupy. It is unfortunate that such a move was necessary for the staff of the highest office in the land.

Just another sad legacy of the Clinton-Gore years.

## More Happenings

FIP SIGN-UP...The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced a sign-up for the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) from Feb. 5-16 at the NRCS office at the Farm Center in New Brockton. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Approximately \$500,000 is available for cost-sharing in Alabama for Fiscal Year 2001. For more information about the FY-2001 FIP sign-up, call 894-5581, ext. 3, or come by the office in New Brockton.

GOSPEL CONCERT...The Inspirations will be in concert at the Opp High School auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.

VEGIE MEETING...A Commercial Vegetable Production meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 11 a.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton.

REPUBLICAN MEETING...Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at FoFolk's Restaurant, 650 Bell Weevil Circle, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. Col. USAF (Retired) Gleg R. Dunlap, member of the Alabama Electoral College, will be speaking on the importance of the electoral college process, and why it should be retained. The menu will be Parmesan Chicken with spaghetti, salad, bread stick and drink for \$7 inclusive. The public is invited. For reservations, call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.



In Service Of Their Country

Army Pvt. Daphanie Y. Burnett has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Patricia and Johnny Walker of Brantley and a 2000 graduate of Brantley High School.

Marine Corps Pfc. Steven L. Dunnivant, son of Oscar Dunnivant of Jack, Ala., recently completed the Basic Engineer Equipment Mechanic Course at Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Dunnivant joined the Marine Corps in Feb. 2000.

Army National Guard Pvt. Jenny M. Jowers has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Evelyn and Glen Biddle of Kinross and a 2000 graduate of Opp High School.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Nathan Sanders, son of Joyce E. and James E. Sanders of Kinross, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. During the deployment, Sanders' unit defended U.S. policy and supported international interests in the Middle East and Europe. Sanders is a 1993 graduate of Kinross High School. He joined the Marine Corps in April 1997.

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## AREA DEATHS

SARA CARNLEY CREW  
Mrs. Sara Carnley Crew, age 87, died Jan. 28, 2001 in a Jackson, Miss. hospital.

Graveside services were held Jan. 30, 2001 in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Crew was preceded in death by a son, Jeffery Carnley III.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law: Patti and Jim Files of Madison, Miss.

FRANKLIN DAVID NOLIN  
Mr. Franklin David Nolin, age 59, of Coffee County Road 209, Jack, Ala., died Jan. 26, 2001 at the family residence after an extended illness.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 2001 from the Haw Hill Assembly of God Church with Rev. Walter Faulk officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Pattersen-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: lone Nolin, Jack; four daughters: Tammy Nolin, Savannah, Ga., Michelle Hodges (Kelly), Phenix City, Ala., Ramona Ramerize (Manuel) and Carmen Nolin, all of Jack; one son: Frankie Nolin (Heather), Jack; three sisters: Sylvia Newsome and Nina Swails, both of Phenix City, Ala.; Brenda Smith, Seale, Ala.; two brothers: Danny Hudson, Valley, Ala., Jimmy Caldwell, Graceville, Ala.; and eight grandchildren.

CYNTHIA LOUISE LEWIS  
Ms. Cynthia (Cindy) Louise Lewis, age 37, of Mobile, Ala., died Jan. 25, 2001 in Mobile.

Graveside services were held Jan. 29, 2001 from the New Ebenezer Baptist Church

Cemetery in Elba.

Ms. Lewis was preceded in death by her daughter, Kimberly, in 1979.

Survivors include her parents: Linda and Leroy LaRose; a sister and brother-in-law: Linda Gay and Wayne Watson; two brothers and a sister-in-law: Jerry Wayne and Caroline Copeland and Charles A. Lewis; two nieces, two nephews and one great-niece.

WILL D. "JACK" KING  
Mr. Will D. "Jack" King, born April 13, 1925, in Dale County, died Jan. 19, 2001.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, 2001 at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church in Enterprise with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Harshell Cemetery of Enterprise with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include: his wife: Johnnie Ree White King; three sons: Donnie King, Enterprise,

Jack King Jr., Mobile, Willie Lee King, Birmingham; four daughters: Diane (Andrew) Rabbatt, Fort Still, Ohio, Jacqueline King, Enterprise, Brenda King, Enterprise, Jennifer King, Enterprise; one sister: Francis Finch, Enterprise; one brother: Auburn Adams, Detroit, Mich.; one brother-in-law: James (Shirley) White, Montgomery; three sisters-in-law: Jessie Boler, Lompoc, Calif., Brenda Pollack, Uniondale, N.Y., Tullia White, Montgomery; and five grandchildren.

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Doctor Provides Humanitarian Services for Former Dorsey Trailers Inc. Employees

On January 13, 2001, Dothan physician, Dr. Sam Banner and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (C.R.N.P.), Mr. Bobby Kemp provided much needed medical services for former Dorsey Trailers Inc. employees at no cost to those treated.

The former Dorsey Trailers Inc. employees were left with no jobs, no health insurance and no opportunity to continue COBRA health insurance coverage after Dorsey Trailers Inc. of Elba, Alabama, closed the doors to its manufacturing facilities and filed a Chapter Eleven bankruptcy petition in court.

When Dr. Banner learned of the plight of the Dorsey Trailers Inc. employees he contacted Mr. Phylde Wambles, a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM & AW), Local Lodge No. 1769 of Elba, Alabama, and offered to provide needed medical services for the former Dorsey Trailers Inc. employees who were unable to find employment and were without the ability to pay for needed medical services. Mr. Wambles referred Dr. Banner to Mr. B.R. Brownell, Mr. Brownell serves as the Union's Business Representative for IAM & AW District Lodge No. 75 of Daleville, Alabama. Dr. Banner's offer for assistance was accepted, and Dr. Banner made arrangements with Mr. Brownell for working out a schedule for seeing patients who were most in need of medical care.

Patients in need of immediate medical attention were "worked in" to his busy schedule during and after office hours at his Dothan office during the first two weeks of January. Those patients who were able to wait for medical care were treated by appointment on January 13, 2001.

On Saturday, January 13, 2001, fifty to sixty patients received much needed medical care at the Local Lodge No. 1769 Union Hall. Volunteering to provide medical services at no cost to the former Dorsey Trailers Inc. employees was Dr. Sam Banner. Assisting Dr. Banner in providing medical care for those patients was Mr. Bobby Kemp, C.R.N.P. of Florida, Alabama. Also assisting Dr. Banner was Mrs. Kathy Smith, an L.P.N. and wife of IAM & AW Business Representative Jeff Smith; Mrs. Becky Brownell Shehee, daughter of Mr. B.R. Brownell; and Mrs. Betty Brownell, the wife of Mr. B.R. Brownell.

Dr. Sam Banner and C.R.N.P. Mr. Bobby Kemp are a credit to their professions and exemplify the best values of humility, service and caring compassion in a world where such values are rarely exhibited. It is indeed comforting to know that we are privileged to meet doctors and members of the medical profession who enrich the lives of others by living up to the creed and oath of their profession. We have truly been touched by the generosity, care and compassion that Dr. Banner, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Shehee, and Mrs. Brownell provided in meeting the needs of the people of Elba, Alabama.

On behalf of all of those patients treated by Dr. Banner, Mr. Kemp and volunteers, we the members of IAM & AW District Lodge No. 75 extend our warmest, heartfelt gratitude and thanks for services performed that are above and beyond the call of duty and reflect greatly upon the medical profession.

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CARD OF THANKS

BOITWELL FAMILY

The family of Ila (Jack) Boutwell would like to express our thanks for all the kindness and sympathy shown to us during this difficult time. Thanks for your prayers, visits, flowers, food and to the Nurses and Staff of Elba Nursing Home. Bobby and Lanette Boutwell Don and Lyle Moore

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# CHURCH NEWS



LaVerne and Edith Tripp

## Homecoming planned at Love's Way Church

Love's Way Church has scheduled Homecoming for Sunday, February 4, 2001.

The morning worship service will begin at 10:45 a.m. with Rev. Greg Davis as the guest speaker. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. An afternoon service will begin at 2:00 p.m. featuring "LaVerne Tripp and his wife, Edith" from

Hendersonville, TN.

"LaVerne Tripp" is a legendary pioneer in the world of Gospel Music. He is the only song writer and recording artist in the history of music to write and record three consecutively number one songs. LaVerne and Edith's TV program is seen weekly by more than eighty million people on more than 1400 stations worldwide.

Make plans now to attend this special event! For more information you may call (334) 393-2427 or 393-6731.

Love's Way Church is located 3 miles West of Enterprise on Highway 134 (Damasus Road) next to Covington Electric Co-op.

## Elba Church of God to hold Revival Services

Elba Church of God will hold Revival Services February 6-8.

Pastor Ray Dean from Dothan, will be the guest minister. There will be special singing and preaching each night. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Stallard, of the Elba Church of God would like to invite everyone to attend these special services.

## Gospel Singing planned at Brantley Church of God, February 3rd

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Brantley Church of God, Saturday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. The church is located on Hwy. 231 in Brundidge.

## Kenneth Jay to perform at Heritage United Methodist Church

Kenneth Jay, an internationally acclaimed theatrical performer in clownface, will perform at Heritage United Methodist Church in Enterprise on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be received. A nursery will be provided for both performances.

## Benefit Barbecue to be held for Graham Weeks

A Benefit Barbecue will be held for Graham Weeks on Saturday, February 3, at the Kinston High School lunchroom. Plates will be \$5.00. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m.

## Jack Assembly to host True Love Waits program

Jack Assembly of God Church will be hosting the True Love Waits program each Wednesday night beginning Feb. 7 through Feb. 28 at 7:15 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. During these weekly seminars, teens will discuss issues such as dating, communication, peer pressure, temptation and parental influences. True Love Waits is a program designed for teenagers. All youth are invited to attend. Jack Assembly of God Church is located on County Road 208 in the Jack Community.

## JEREMIAH PEOPLE to perform at Elba United Methodist Church

The JEREMIAH PEOPLE, America's premier Christian musical theater company, will be performing at the Elba United Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m.

For almost 30 years, JEREMIAH PEOPLE has been on the cutting edge of Christian music theater, entertaining audiences throughout the United States with Christian drama and music for the entire family. Comprised of seven actors/musicians, the JEREMIAH PEOPLE continue their tradition of laughter, tears and relevant ministry using the very best in drama, music and testimony.

## ROUND AND ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Amos 6:1-14

\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you The King family, Lucille Hammonds, Shavanna Hammonds, Hazel Parker, Lucile Stackhouse, Winston Thomas, Kelley Jr., Bill S. Kelley, Nuna Kelley, Mary Bell Belcher, Dora Belcher, James Starks, Mary Starks, Martha Snell, Willie Gifford, George Gifford

\*\*Family and Friends Day at Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will be Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

\*\*Florida Church of God in Christ will hold a Youth Day Program on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be Evangelist John Williams from Montgomery.

Brockton and Ernestine Kelley of Elba. She has one sibling, Malik Kelley. Happy Birthday!

\*\*Annual Celebration of Family and Friends and a Commemoration of "Black History" will be Sunday, Feb. 18, at LeGrand Community Church in Montgomery beginning at 12 Noon. Guest speaker will be Rev. Joyce Belcher Johnson, assistant pastor of the Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Leighton, Ala. Please feel free to dress in African attire; however, it is not a requirement.

\*\*Welcome to the Black History Program of the St. Mark Baptist Church of Glenwood on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m. Guest minister will be Rev. C.P. Noble, pastor of the Greater St. Mark, Tuskegee, Ala.

\*\*Annual Ushers Day at Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, will be Sunday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Sermon will be given by Pastor W.O. Edwards, pastor of Mt. Zion MB Church in Brantley.

\*\*104th Church Anniversary of the St. Mark Baptist Church in Glenwood will be Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m. Guest minister will be Rev. W.L. Peterson, Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Elba.

Today is a good day, be grateful! — Eria

Tia Sherrise Kelley

## Birthday girl

\*\*Tia Sherrise Kelley, daughter of Marcus Kelley and Sharon Wright of Elba, celebrated her sixth birthday on Jan. 27. Her grandparents are Gladys Wright of Elba, Glen Kelley of New

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# LIFESTYLES

## Mr. Tomlin & Miss Shoaf united in marriage

Alison Ann Maddox graduates from University of Phoenix

Alison Ann Maddox, daughter of Nick Maddox - Victoria and Ethel Harrison - DeFuniak Springs, Florida is graduate of the University of Phoenix in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. Miss Maddox graduates on Sunday, January 28 at the Tulsa Performing Arts Center.

Miss Maddox is employed with The Boeing Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



Mr. Bowden &amp; Miss Mills

## Mills-Bowden wedding planned for February 3rd

Greg and Ellie Mills announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Mills, of Elba to Kenneth Eric Bowden, of Chancelor.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of Happy Jack Gideon and the late Macie Gideon of Jack and Marge Mills and the late J.B. Mills of Elba.

Eric is the grandson of Mrs. Jewel Bowden and the late Fred Bowden of Enterprise and Mr. John and Mrs. Patsy Howell of Samspon.

The couple will unite in marriage on Feb. 3, 2001 at the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle on Old Taylor Mill Road at 2 p.m. Though no invitations are being sent, all family and friends are invited.

## Macy Anne McIntosh celebrates fourth birthday recently

Macy Anne McIntosh of the Woodland Grove Community celebrated her fourth birthday Jan. 24. Macy is the daughter of Scott and Stephanie (Goodson) McIntosh.

Grandparents are Roger and Shirley Goodson of New Brockton and Bobby and Peggy McIntosh of Elba. Great-grandmothers are Eddie B. Goodson, New Brockton; Ruthia Blanton, Jack; and Gladys Phelps, Enterprise.

Macy attends Early Years Daycare and Preschool in New Brockton, and she celebrated her special day with classmates by taking cupcakes and chips for afternoon refreshments. Each student was given a party hat and they sang "Happy Birthday" to Macy as she blew out her candles.

## Retired Teachers to meet Tuesday, February 6

The Coffee County Association of Retired Teachers and Support Personnel will meet Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the Coffee County Board of Education auditorium in Elba. The program will be on travel for retired persons including bus tours, a riverboat tour down the Mississippi River and a tour of Israel. Refreshments will be served.

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Jill Lorraine Wheeler of Orlando, Fla. was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Lydia Annie Rueger of Denver, Colo. and Tonia Jeanette Tomlin of Collierville, Tenn. They wore floor-length black A-line antique satin dresses with organza negligees.

The flower girls were Elizabeth "Libba" Ann King of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Victoria "Tori" Lane Tomlin of Collierville, Tenn. They wore dresses of white satin with organza overlay.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Derek Shoaf, brother of the bride, of Denver, Colo. and Christopher King Tomlin, brother of the groom, of Collierville, Tenn. Ushers were Paul Revere Ervin III, Reid Barrett Hamlin, Drew John Mallory and Tyler James Urig. The ring bearer was Blake Thomas Gipson of Atlanta, Ga. All wore black tuxedos.

The reception with full buffet was held in the Gazebo room of The Beach Club at the Colister. The Ziggy Mahoney band provided dance music. The guest registry book was attended by Katie Elizabeth Wise and Sara Frances Wise, both of Atlanta, Ga.

A rehearsal dinner at The Colister at Sea Island for the wedding party and out-of-town

family members was hosted by the groom's parents. The highlight of the evening was a video collage of the couple's lives, prepared and presented by the groom's father.

After a wedding trip to Playa Grande Resort in Baja California, Mexico, the couple now resides at St. Simons Island, Ga.



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tomlin

## Area students win in 4-H Baked Goods competition

4-H allows young people to develop skills or improve on skills they already have. Baking has almost become a lost art with all the convenience foods on the market as well as the bakeries located in so many of the grocery stores. People are busy and baking "from scratch" takes time.

Several 4-H'ers showed that

it can still be done. To participate in the Baked Goods Exhibit, three products had to be baked: a cake, cookies, and a quick bread or a yeast bread. The winners were: Daniel Kelley and Freda Kelley, both first place; Erica Lewis and Heather Carroll, second place; Ashlyn Odom, third place.

In addition to this contest, the favorite recipe and the dairy foods talk were held on the same day. Tori Stone from New Brockton won first in the dairy foods talk. Kala Seay from Kinston won second.

Daniel Kelley, Freda Kelley and Tori Stone will be eligible to compete at district competition in June.

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# SCHOOLS

## Co-Op Spotlight

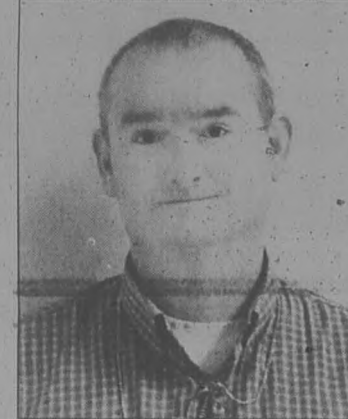


by Tabitha Schultz  
This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Clinton Culiver, an 18-year-old employee of H.D. Edgar Trucking & Opp, Ala. Some of Clint's many jobs include painting, welding, and repairing trailers.

Clinton is the son of Danny Culiver and Barbara Waldon. Clint is an active member of VICA. He says that his father has inspired him the most because he works hard and is honest.

After graduation, Clint plans on working offshore and then furthering his education in college.

## Welcome To EHS



by Leanne Mallory  
On Tuesday, Jan. 9, Mr. Charlie's Algebra I and Calculus classes noticed a pleasant surprise. Their surprise was the face of their new student teacher Mr. Obie Reeves.

Mr. Reeves is currently attending Troy State University where he is majoring in Comprehensive Math Education. This degree will enable him to teach math to students in grades 6-12.

Mr. Reeves is a 1980 graduate of Kinston High School. After high school, he attended Auburn University, and then left to join the United States Navy. After six years of active duty in the Navy, Mr. Reeves became a member of the Naval Reserve. He also got a job working at Fleming Foods in Geneva, Ala.

When asked what his favorite thing was about Elba High School, Mr. Reeves said the friendly students and staff.

We would like to wish Mr. Reeves good luck and a happy stay at EHS.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Bethany Dye  
Amanda  
Beerenstrauch

## Student Spotlight

by Francie English  
Name: Hunter Branch  
Parents: Will and Janette Carr  
Age: 16  
Grade: 11th  
Favorite Color: Crimson  
Favorite Music: Rap and Country  
Clubs/Activities: Spanish Club, FFA, and VICA  
Interests/Hobbies: Playing basketball  
Personal Quote: "If you don't know me, don't judge me."

The one course that Hunter enjoys most is Co-op because he is allowed to leave school grounds.

His favorite thing about Elba High School is knowing that in one more year he will be prepared and able to go to college.

After Hunter graduates, he plans to attend the University of Alabama to receive a major in



Hunter Branch

broadcast journalism.

He knows that his most memorable moment has not been experienced yet; it will be the last day spent as a student of EHS.

## TIGER BRIEFS

### Junior Class Magazine Sales

by Chelsea Cooper

It's that time of year again. You're sitting at home, enjoying a peaceful afternoon, when you hear the doorbell ring. Yep! That's right! You're about to be solicited by a member of the junior class. Before you slam the door in his or her face, think back to your Jr/Sr Prom and remember how much fun it was. In order to continue Elba's tradition of having beautifully decorated and wonderfully entertaining proms, we need your support! We will be selling a vast variety of magazines starting January 17 and ending February 2. Keep in mind, it's always a good idea to support the young people.

### EHS Sweetheart Dance Planned

by Hunter Branch

The SGA is having a Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 15. All students are invited to come and shake a leg. The dance starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 12 Midnight. A photographer will be there from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The attire will be semi-formal dress. Girls wear suits or dresses, and boys wear a coat and tie. The cost is \$3 a person and \$5 a couple. Come and bring a date and help support the SGA.

## Elba Elementary School Menu Feb. 5 - 9, 2001

**BREAKFAST**  
**Monday** - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday** - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
**Friday** - Cheese Grits, Toast/Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

**LUNCH**  
**Monday** - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Salad, Buttered Carrots, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, Milk  
**Tuesday** - Chicken Nuggets, Tater Rounds, Butterbeans, Roll, Chocolate Cake, Milk  
**Wednesday** - Fishburger, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk  
**Thursday** - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk  
**Friday** - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, Roll, 1/2 Orange, Milk

## SUPPORT YOUR YOUTH, EDUCATION & LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Elba Elementary's Math-a-Thon fundraiser

by Bethany Dye

On Jan. 19, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital announced the successful completion of the Math-A-Thon at Elba Elementary School. Math-A-Thon, now in its 22nd year, is an educationally based fundraising program in which students obtain sponsors for the number of math problems completed in special workbooks provided for students in grades K-9. The program is sponsored nationally by Six Flags Theme Parks, which provide free passes to their parks for every student raising \$35 or more.

The students who participate in the program learn to do more than just math problems; they also learn the importance of helping children who are less fortunate than themselves. Through the Math-A-Thon, they are able to help provide a future for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Children with more than 200 forms of cancer and other catastrophic diseases find hope at St. Jude. Since its founding in 1962 by the late entertainer Danny Thomas, the survival rate for most forms of pediatric cancer have risen dramatically. In fact, today more than 70 percent of all children with cancer will survive their bout with the disease. St. Jude fully credits these successes in treatment to the generous support of people around the world, including the students at Elba Elementary School.

Students raising up to \$35 receive a certificate. These 4th, 5th and 6th graders are as follows: Brittany Davis, Ashley Bailey, Sebastian Haddaway, Jordan McBride, Francine Dixon, Kimberly Blue, Jason Mitchell, Maisie Thomas, Yalonda Wright, Bobby Hudson, Tierney Starks, Justin Pike, Tiffany Bryan, Ashton Rodriguez, Sharquarius Edwards, Justin Hammonds, Brittany Phillips, Aaron Burks, Erica Daniels, Marissa

Bludsworth, Nickie Edwards, Jeremy Gissett, Chase Boutwell, Antwon Tillis, Adam Henderson and Melanie Mularz.

Students raising \$35 up to \$75 received a certificate, a t-shirt, and a free admission ticket to Six Flags. These students are as follows: April Finedore, Shelby Adecek, Alexis Bush, Meredith Brunson, Bradley Wilson, Tempest Parker, Michael Spurlin, Megan Sullivan, Cody Sasser, Michael Jackson, Megan Anderson, Caleb Davis, Misti Miller, Aaron Harelson, Amanda Campbell, Will Gray, Yaqesha Terry, Corey Parker, Tatiana Parker, Meagan Anderson, Ashley Key, Brad Sullivan, Kevin Parks, Wesley Calhoun and Hannah Manning.

Students raising \$75 or more received a certificate, a t-shirt, a free admission ticket to Six Flags and a sports bag. These students are as follows: Gabby Pope, Cortlin Lee, Griffin Cash, Morgan Anderson, Robert Williamson, Don Rhoades, Anna Petty and Amber Parmer.

The student raising the most

money over \$125 received a certificate, a t-shirt, a free admission ticket to Six Flags, a sports bag and a personal CD player. David Maddaloni brought in a total of \$563.20. However, David did not stop there; not only did he give of himself by raising funds for other children, but he also donated his personal CD player to a foster child.

In total, the students of Elba Elementary raised over \$2,842.71.

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I sent an e-mail to a former exchange student of ours last week, and mentioned in the content of the letter that I wished the world would slow down a little so that our girls wouldn't grow up so fast. Well, on Friday night I got back from a basketball game and the front porch was filled with folks as both girls and their friends were just hanging out, talking and having fun. They all stayed up pretty late, but it did bring back some memories about days past, and made this Dad feel a little bit better.

### TAKING A FEW FREE SHOTS...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers dropped area games to Pike County and Calhoun last week and will now enter the area tournament with the #3 seed and an opening round match-up against the Pike County Bulldogs. The two rivals split their season meetings, with both teams winning at home, and since the area tournament will be up at Calhoun, it should be quite a game as the two teams fight to stay alive. Elba lost both its games last week and in doing so dropped its record to 10-8 on the season. The Tigers have had a winning record throughout the year, but have some tough games still ahead, and are now in a real dog fight just to post a winning season. The Tigers just have to regain their confidence and believe in themselves.

The Elba Lady Tigers wrapped up the area championship with a Friday night win over Calhoun and improved their record to 17-3 in the process. Coach Leroy Carney and the Lady Tigers are really on a wild ride just to post a winning season, but the wins have come due to hard work and many long hours in the gym, and every one of the girls will tell you that they have put in a lot of sweat and tears working to improve each and every time they hit the court. Elba should have an advantage hosting the tournament, but then will run into a tough area if it advances, since the opposite area includes Montgomery Academy, Alabama Christian, LAMP and Catholic. All three of the Lady Tigers losses have come on the road. So, it is easy to see that the road to the Regionals will be a lot easier if it leads from Elba.

\*\*\* I have read a lot about how far the Lady Tigers have come in only their fourth year of existence, and while I agree Elba's girls do deserve every bit of credit they have received, the girls basketball program at Elba High has been around for many, many years. Most of the records went down with the flood back in 1990, but I can remember Trisha Daniels hitting many long jumpers under coach Debbie Carlie, and Coach Debra Jackson leading her team to their share of wins. The program was restarted by Coach Carlie a few years back and their rise to the top has been astronomical. However, when people start talking about the history of a program, maybe they should look in the history books, first.

\*\*\* It was another week of hard work action for the teams in the West, with the Kinston Bulldogs making the most noise by claiming three big wins. The Bulldogs claimed wins over Zion Chapel, G.W. Long and Highland Home to push their win total for the season to 8, and really gave their fans something to cheer about with the three exciting wins. Brantley did get past Opp for a rare win, while Zion Chapel and New Brockton just kept plugging along playing hard and never giving up. On the other side of the ledger, the Kinston Bulldogs closed out the season 2-0 against Zion Chapel and in doing so upped its win total to two, while New Brockton finished second in the area with a win over Samson, and Zion Chapel's girls continued to get some on-the-court experience. With the season now in the final stages, all the teams in the area will certainly be ready next year for some back-to-back!

\*\*\* Elba's Tim Ware scored 30 points Thursday night up at Calhoun Community College and appears to be back on stride after struggling since the holiday break. Through Calhoun's first 15 games, Ware was averaging 15 points and 4 rebounds a game, while hitting on 80 of 128 shots from the floor, and 23 of 41 shots from the foul line. Calhoun's Coach John Douglas still insists that Ware has the skills to take his game to the next level, and says the 6-6 leaper should be one of the nation's best junior college players next season. That comes as no surprise to his fans in Elba.

\*\*\* New Hope High School has made a proposal to the Alabama High School Athletic Association that would alter the state's sports rules to better allow the athletes at small schools to get ready for the change in seasons. Several schools have expressed the desire to see a change in the system in recent years, but the officials up in New Hope have taken the issue on head first, and might just get something done. This year, high school football was just six weeks old when it became legal for basketball practice to begin, and baseball and softball practice was legal two weeks ago, even though basketball season was just at its halfway mark. The change to year round schools has made a difference, but basically, the seasons are too close together and overlap far too much. Under the proposal, high school football practice would start last week in July, as would volleyball practice. No basketball games would be allowed until Thanksgiving week, and the first baseball and softball games would not be allowed until March 1, with the state finals being the first week in June. The late end of the baseball and softball seasons would run into problems due to some schools getting out in mid-May. However, I agree that changes need to be made, and the rules need to be strictly enforced. High School athletics is for the students, and it should not just be a business to help the AHSAA make money.

\*\*\* In closing...I had heard rumors that Elba High School would not hold spring football practice this year, and after talking with Supt. Danny Weeks, found out that those rumors were at least partially true. Supt. Weeks stated that the success of the off-season weight program had led to the decision to continue the weight training and delay spring training until late in the school year. This did force pulling out of a spring football jamboree, but the Tigers will hit the field before school gets out for the summer, and will get in some very valuable on the field work. The school officials are trying to do what is best for the overall football program, and while it may seem a little strange to some, maybe they know what is best. Only time will tell!

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### Close area schedule with 2-4 record

## Tigers fall to Pike County and Calhoun

### Elba bitten by Bulldogs 64-52

The Elba Tigers saw their chance at claiming the runner-up spot in the Class 3A, Area 2 standings vanish last Tuesday night when they were defeated by the Pike County Bulldogs 64-52, in Brundidge.

The loss left the Tigers with a 10-8 record, 2-3 in area play, while the Bulldogs upped their record to 6-12, 3-3 in area competition.

Both teams had problems finding the basket early on, however, Pike County began to pick up the pace on both ends of the court late in the stanza and by the end of the opening quarter, the Bulldogs had pulled out to a 14-7 advantage.

The Bulldogs used an aggressive full-court press to cause countless Tiger turnovers in the second quarter as they extended

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John Mitchell scored 18 points and grabbed 6 rebounds to lead Elba, while Marcus Henderson added 17 points. Tyrone Boyd scored 20 points to lead Pike County and Michael Walker added 13 points.

### Elba tamed by Calhoun 76-59

The Elba Tigers closed out their first winless week of the season Friday night by suffering a 76-59 loss to the Calhoun Tigers, in Elba.

The loss dropped the Tigers' record to 10-8 and left Elba with

a final area record of 2-4, while Calhoun improved to 18-6, 6-0 in area action, with the win.

Derrick Brooks scored 15 points and Tim Andrews added 13 to lead Elba.



TAKING IT TO THE HOLE... is Elba's Tim Andrews (in black) during a recent Tiger win over Zion Chapel. The Tigers will travel to Enterprise and Goshen to close out the regular season and will then take their area tournament hopes to Calhoun.

### In youth basketball action

## Wizards and Fever remain undefeated

The Elba Youth Basketball League had a busy week of action as it hosted its usual eight league games as well as hosting teams from Enterprise and Greenville.

Following is a complete recap of last week's action:  
\*\*\* **KINGS 29 SUNS 18** - The Kings pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Suns 29-18, in Boys 12 and Under action. The Kings owned a 6-0 lead after one quarter, extended its lead to 23-13 by the end of three quarters, and pulled away to post the win. Scoring for the Kings were Jordan Flowers 14, Derrick Manning 7, Antwon Tillis 6 and Jason Johnson 2. Scoring for the Suns were Stephen Driggers 6, Chase Graham 4, Derrick Jackson 3, Chase Boutwell 2, Dustin Rhoades 2 and Kevin Parks 1.  
\*\*\* **GREENVILLE 56 GAMECOCKS 38** - The Gamecocks pulled ahead early and owned a slim lead at intermission, but couldn't keep up the pace as Greenville pulled away late to claim a 56-38 win, in Boys 14 and Under action. The Gamecocks jumped out to a 17-11 lead in the opening quarter and led 22-18 at the half, only to see Greenville pull away in the second half to pull out the win. Scoring for Greenville were D. Roper 24, R. Griffin 22, Smith 8, A. Roper 3, R. Smith 2 and P. Crenshaw 1. Scoring for the Gamecocks

were Tyler Simmons 10, Brian Allums 8, Daniel Senn 8, Mitch Downing 6, Josh Thomas 3 and Tyler Shepherd 3.  
\*\*\* **GREENVILLE 46 WARRIORS 16** - The Elba Warriors fell behind early and never challenged in a 46-16 loss to Greenville, in Boys 14 and Under action. The Warriors trailed 10-2 after one stanza, 30-13 after three quarters, and never staged a rally to take the big loss. Scoring for Greenville were K. Smith 25, D. Griffin 7, P. Crenshaw 5, K. Pace 4, A. Roper 2, B. Williams 2, R. Smith 2 and D. Roper 1. Stefaun Burks scored all 16 points for the Warriors.  
\*\*\* **JUNIOR LAKERS 41 WARRIORS 32** - The Warriors fell behind early and never recovered in a 41-32 loss to the Enterprise Junior Lakers, in Boys 14 and Under action. The Warriors trailed 15-5 after one quarter, and while they did cut the deficit to 24-17 at the half, never really threatened as they took the loss. Scoring for the Junior Lakers were J. Eldreth 11, P. Eluke 10, M. Hart 9, M. Hanner 7 and L. Neal 4. Scoring for the Warriors were Stefaun Burks 11, Reese Stricklin 8, Adam Spicer 6, Quanar Warren 3, William Carpenter 2, Jessie Schulz 2 and Josh Boutwell 1.  
\*\*\* **MIRACLE VS. STING** - The Miracle and Sting continued their fine play last week in Girls 8 and Under action.

Scoring for the Miracle were Brannah Rogers and Ashley Cooks. Scoring for the Sting were Lindsey Carney, Aspen Foustee and Jolo McBride.  
\*\*\* **MERCURY 13 SHOCK 11** - The Mercury pulled ahead early and then held on late to sneak past the Shock 13-11 in Girls 12 and Under action. The Mercury jumped out to a 4-0 first quarter lead and held on over the final three quarters to pull out the win. Scoring for the Mercury were Sydney Brunson 12 and Chessie Cross 1. Scoring for the Shock were Cordelle Hooks 5, Jordan McBride 4, Trey Belcher 4, Justin Hammond 3 and Don Rhoades 3. Scoring for the Pacers were Caleb Bannin 10, Richard Cooks 4 and Dante Tillis 2.  
\*\*\* **RAPTORS VS. LAKERS** - The Raptors and Lakers put on quite a show in Boys 8 and Under action. Scoring for the Raptors were Kameron Siler, Kendrick Roberts, Chance Goosby and Devonta Tillis. Scoring for the Lakers were Taylor Cotton and Kevin Allen.  
\*\*\* **WIZARDS 23 MAGIC 11** - The Wizards pulled ahead early and rolled to a 23-11 win over the Magic, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Wizards owned a 12-0 lead at the half and rolled to the easy win. Scoring for the Wizards were Jason Mitchell 9, Trey Martin 6, Bobby Hudson 4, Gavin Flowers 2 and Kevin Tillis 2. Scoring for the Magic were Graham Morrow 4, Will Gray 2, Matthew Gibson 2, Jamison Baker 2 and Aaron Harelson 1. Scoring for the Wizards were Shaabun Robinson, Devin

Luckett and Tyrane Daniels.

\*\*\* **HAWKS 19 PACERS 16** - The Hawks staged a furious fourth quarter rally to pull out a wild 19-16 win over the Pacers, in Boys 10 and Under action. The Hawks trailed 14-7 after three quarters, but broke loose in the final stanza and rallied to claim the wild 19-16 win. Scoring for the Hawks were Cordelle Hooks 5, Jordan McBride 4, Trey Belcher 4, Justin Hammond 3 and Don Rhoades 3. Scoring for the Pacers were Caleb Bannin 10, Richard Cooks 4 and Dante Tillis 2.

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### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

#### Friday, Feb. 2

Elba at Enterprise (4:30) B-VG-VB  
Brantley at Luverne (5:00) B-VG-VB  
Kinston at Highland Home (5:00) B-VG-VB  
Zion Chapel at New Brockton (4:30) B-VG-VB

#### Saturday, Feb. 3

Brantley at Goshen (4:30) B-VG-VB  
Enterprise at Carroll (4:30) B-VG-VB

#### Monday, Feb. 5

Straughn at Kinston (4:30) B-VG-VB  
New Brockton at Dothan (4:30) B-VG-VB

#### Tuesday, Feb. 6

Elba at Goshen (4:30) B-VG-VB  
Geneva County at Enterprise (4:30) B-VG-VB

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# SPORTS

### With wins over Pike County and Calhoun

## Lady Tigers wrap up area championship

### Lady Tigers pound Pike County 58-35

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their winning ways last Tuesday night by posting an impressive 58-35 win over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, in Brundidge.

The win upped Elba's record to 16-3, 4-1 in area play, while Pike County saw its record slip to 5-12, 3-3 in area competition.

The opening stanza was a see-saw affair as neither team could take command. However, the Lady Tigers began to pound the ball inside in the second quarter and used its inside power to pull out to a 26-18 advantage.

The Lady Tigers used an 11-3 run late in the third quarter to open up a big 40-25 lead, then coasted in the final stanza as they pulled away and posted the impressive 58-35 road win.

Roshanda McKinnon scored 16 points to lead Elba, while Ayonna Proctor added 11 and Rachel Bludsworth scored 10 points. Wonnica Foster led Pike County with 18 points.

### Lady Tigers clobber Calhoun 53-33

The Elba Lady Tigers wrapped up the Class 3A, Area 2 championship Friday night with a big 53-33 win over the Calhoun Lady Tigers, in Elba.

The win improved Elba's record to 17-3, 5-1 in area play, and earned the Lady Tigers the right to host the upcoming area tournament.

Rachel Bludsworth scored 15 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Elba, while Roshanda McKinnon added 12 points and Lagina Mack scored 11.

The win earned the Lady Tigers the right to host the upcoming area tournament at the Elba High gym beginning on Feb. 9. The Lady Tigers will meet Luverne in opening round action, while Calhoun and Pike County will also meet in opening round action. The two winners will earn the right to advance to sub-region action, with the tournament winner being at home.

## Lady Tigers inch up to 8th in prep basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its weekly high school basketball rankings last week, with the Elba Lady Tigers continuing their climb in the 3A poll by moving into the #8 spot.

Following are the "Top 5" teams in all classes, both boys and girls, along with area teams listed in the complete top ten:

### BOYS

CLASS 6A - 1. Auburn (21-3), 2. Parker (20-3), 3. LeFlore (20-4), 4. John Carroll Catholic (17-9), 5. Baldwin County (20-3), 6. Northview (14-2), 7. Dothan (14-4).

CLASS 5A - 1. Huntsville Lee (20-3), 2. Ramsay (20-2), 3. Blount (17-4), 4. Southside Selma (17-4), 5. Anniston (19-2).

CLASS 4A - 1. Bibb County (19-1), 2. Sumter County (15-3), 3. Clarke County (17-5), 4. Brooks (21-1), 5. Coosa Central (14-3).

CLASS 3A - 1. Phil Campbell (16-1), 2. Lincoln (13-1), 3. DAR (20-5), 4. Washington County (12-1), 5. Lanett (14-2), 6. Calhoun (17-6), Catholic (16-9).

CLASS 2A - 1. Mars Hill Bible (21-3), 2. Vincent (19-3), 3. Section (19-4), 4. Goshen (11-2), 5. Barbour County (13-5).

CLASS 1A - 1. Courtland (21-3), 2. Parkway Christian (19-4), 3. Decatur Heritage (18-4), 4. Pleasant Home (18-4), 5. Akron (16-5).

CLASS 6A - 1. Huffman (19-1), 2. Jeff Davis (23-1), 3. Austin (19-2), 4. Hoover (20-3), 5. Decatur (21-6).

CLASS 5A - 1. Boaz (21-2), 2. Buckhorn (18-3), 3. Athens (19-3), 4. B.C. Rain (21-3), 5. B.T. Washington (17-2), 6. Eufaula (16-4).

CLASS 4A - 1. Lawrence County (20-4), 2. UMS-Wright (24-3), 3. Handley (17-1), 4. Geneva (14-1), 5. Jackson (17-3), 6. Also, 6. Andalusia (15-3), 7. Miller (14-5).

CLASS 3A - 1. Hanceville (19-1), 2. Sylva (20-3), 3. Lauderdale County (23-3), 4. Francis Marion (11-1), 5. Weaver (17-3), 6. Also, 8. Elba (15-3), 10. Montgomery Academy (13-4).

CLASS 2A - 1. Susan Moore (16-0), 2. Pisgah (18-3), 3. Red Bay (14-3), 4. Geraldine (17-5), 5. Highland Home (19-1), 6. Also, 8. Geneva County (13-2).

CLASS 1A - 1. Autaugaville (19-1), 2. Loachapoka (13-1), 3. Speake (21-2), 4. Akron (14-0), 5. Westminster (17-5).

### HIGH SCHOOL

## ROUND-BALL ROUND-UP

### Brantley Bulldogs outscored by Eagles 71-42

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their record slip to 4-6 last Saturday night after falling to the Pleasant Home Eagles 71-42, in Luverne. Terrell Burnett scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs.

### Brantley Lady Bulldogs fall late on the road 36-35

Pleasant Home scored on a free-throw with no time left on the clock to slip past the Brantley Lady Bulldogs 36-35, last Saturday night in Luverne. Lacy Johnson scored 11 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

### Brantley Bulldogs tame Opp Bobcats 59-49

The Brantley Bulldogs put an end to their recent losing spell with an impressive 59-49 win over the 4A Opp Bobcats. Brantley, which upped its record to 5-6, was led in scoring by Antonio Turner with 14, Rodney Wiley 12 and Terrell Burnett with 11.

### New Brockton Gamecocks fall to Tigers 61-52

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their hard luck season last Tuesday night by falling to the Samson Tigers 61-52, in New Brockton. Travis Slawson scored 15 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Timmy Bess poured in 28 points to lead (15-4) Samson.

### Lady Gamecocks roll past Lady Tigers 55-43

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks continued to hold on to the #2 spot in the area standings by claiming a 55-43 win over the #2 spot Lady Tigers, in New Brockton. Rena Donaldson scored 21 points to lead (10-8) New Brockton, while Kendra Cole added 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Psyche Bess scored 19 points to lead Samson.

### Kinston Bulldogs blast Zion Chapel 68-29

The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and pulled away late to blast the Zion Chapel Rebels 68-29, last Tuesday night in Kinston. Patrick Nelson scored 23 points to lead the (6-13) Bulldogs, while Jamie Lunford and Lee Whigham both added 12 points.

### Kinston Bulldogs shock G.W. Long 55-52

The Kinston Bulldogs posted one of their biggest wins of the season Thursday night by claiming a 55-52 win over the G.W. Long Rebels, in Kinston. Jeremy Driver scored 18 points to lead the (7-13) Bulldogs, while Tim Whigham added 13 and Patrick Nelson scored 10. Lorenza Williams scored 11 points to lead the (13-3) Rebels.

### Zion Chapel Rebels tripped by Straughn 68-51

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters before falling to the Straughn Tigers 68-51, Thursday night at Zion Chapel. Marcus Taylor scored 24 points to lead the Rebels, while Straughn was led by Derrick Florence with 16 points.

### Kinston Bulldogs sneak past Highland Home 58-56

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed their third win of the week Friday night by sneaking past the Highland Home Flying Squadron 58-56, in Kinston. Lee Whigham scored 13 points to lead the (8-13) Bulldogs, while Jamie Lunford and Jeremy Driver added 11 points, apiece, and Patrick Nelson scored 10. Highland Home was led by Marcus Noles with 19 points.

### New Brockton blasted by Barbour County 81-57

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out area play Friday night with an 81-57 loss to the Barbour County Jaguars, in Clayton. Daniel Roberts and Justin Edwards both scored 21 points to lead the Gamecocks, while LaKeith Person scored 34 points to lead Barbour County.

### Lady Gamecocks tripped up by Lady Jags 66-49



Elba Lady Tiger Roshanda McKinnon (34) prepares to take a shot in recent action against New Brockton. The Lady Tigers improved their record to 17-3 and earned the right to host the Class 3A, Area 2 tournament last week by posting big area wins over Pike County and Calhoun.

### Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Hunting Deer with a Handgun Increases Challenge

It was one of those cool December afternoons that makes a hunter feel like it's his day. The temperature was in the low 40's with no wind. It wasn't really a planned hunt-one like outdoor writers like to do "how to" articles on, such as plotting escape routes, studying wind currents, etc before you go hunting. I just grabbed my gun, an old camo field jacket, a hunter orange cap, and walked into the woods back of my house.

I had just sat down on the ground and leaned back against a medium size oak to watch for deer in a hardwood bottom directly in front of me. For some unexplainable reason, I felt sure I would see deer that afternoon. Sure enough, I had been on stand less than 20 minutes when I spotted a buck feeding in a bottom to my immediate right. I couldn't shift my body for a good two hand hold on the gun as it hadn't rained for several days and the leaves rattled like Halloween crepe paper at the slightest movement. The deer continued to feed closer to me. When the buck walked into a slight depression, I cocked and slowly raised my gun. The buck walked out of the depression and up on the hill-top. He saw me just as I completed the trigger squeeze. At the shot the buck bolted, ran 40 yards and dropped. I had harvested a trophy 6 point 147 pound buck.

Why was I so excited and why would I consider a mediocre 6 point, 147 pound buck a trophy? Because I had harvested him with a .357 magnum revolver rather than a shotgun or rifle, that made him a trophy to me. Just as in bow hunting, handgun hunting adds an extra layer of challenge and tilts the odds in favor of the game.

Hunters thinking about giving this exciting sport a try will find a vast selection of handguns and scopes to choose from. More deer are probably bagged with revolvers at present, but the single shot and bolt action shooting "rifle" caliber are gaining in popularity. Revolvers in .357, .41 and .44 magnum and the new .454 Casull are adequate for whitetail. Admittedly, the .357 is probably in the marginal category, but with a hot load and a heavy bullet fired from a long barreled revolver, it will get the job done at ranges less than 50 yards. Definitely a better choice is one of the .41, .44 or .454s in a revolver equipped with a long eye relief variable power scope.

Single shots, such as the Thompson Contender, chambered in .30-30 and larger calibers extend the hand gunners range. The single shot and bolt-action pistols are also more accurate because of their tight locking. If you are looking for a new thrill in deer hunting, something between rifle and bow, consider the challenging sport of deer hunting with a handgun.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Brantley School Third Six Weeks - Honor Roll

### ALL A's

**First Grade**  
Summer Bradley, Lavonte Guley, Leza Holmes, Matthew Holmes, Clint Kilcrease, Reed Kilcrease, Chris McVay, Shaniqua Pruitt, John Russ, Taylor Tew, Dijah Wood

### Second Grade

Chris Bass, Katie Beck, Deuce Donaldson, Deanna Elliott, Joseph Gardner, Zach Huggins, Zach Johnson, Hasina Lee, Jena Majors, Kiana Meteyer, Whitney Moore, Keyanna Person, Richard Sims, Ryan Warrick, Tori Whitehurst

### Third Grade

Chase Hall, Hilary Hudson, Austin Mitchell, Macy Owens, Samantha Rayborn

### Fourth Grade

Courtney Strops

### Fifth Grade

Nikki Bailey, Corey Beck, Taronda Randall

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Kristin Compton, Trey Warrick

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Shane Corley, Cynthia Green, Tyler Weaver

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Dusty Dunn, Shane Haws, Brittany Walker

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Tina Hall, Kayla Kennedy, Kendra Majors, Channing Spivey

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Misti Frazier, Amy Walker

### Eleventh Grade

Ashley Chance, Adam Dubose

### Twelfth Grade

Adriana Alejo, Quinton Burnett, Jerrett Callaway, Clint Free, Adam Hill, Matthew Messick, Tyler Moore, Chelsea Moseley, Isaac Oliver, Elisha Person, Brittany Russ, Oralea Sanders, Quintero Sears, Cassius Tillis, Santanna Wicker

### A's & B's

### First Grade

Megan Biggs, Zeb Chandler, Jessie Davis, Destiny Hamd, Austin Hudson, Shakelia Johnson, Jacy Kelley, Austin Morgan, Heather Owens, Nickayla Pittman, Michael Scott, Tessa Scrushy, Destiny Tillery, Brittany Tillis, Jared Wiley, Zachary Wiley

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## Elba High students participate in on-line testing

Ninth grade students at Elba High School will soon receive individualized career suggestions as a result of recent career testing. The students took the Strong Interest Inventory, a career test, on the Internet. MacArthur State Technical College (MSTC) Tech Prep Specialist Donna Stokes administered the *Strong* to the students. The testing took place in the school's computer lab with Mike Camley, Guidance Counselor, assisting.

"*Strong* results are based on the individual's likes and dislikes of specific occupations, types of people (ex. researchers, caregivers), activities, and school subjects," explains Stokes. "The inventory results give general to specific interests and occupational tendencies. These results can aid high school students as they select academic courses, explore various careers, and consider higher education."

"During the 1999/2000 school year, over 1,000 area high school students took the on-line career test," said Stokes. "This school year, I have already administered the *Strong* to ninth graders at Enterprise Junior High School, Dauphin Junior High School, Andalusia High School, Opp High School, and Luverne High School. Testing of ninth graders is also scheduled for Pleasant Home School, Brantley High School, and Highland Home School. The *Strong* is highly regarded by career counselors and is used by many high schools across the nation."

Test administrations and interpretations occur in the high schools or on the MSTC campus. Testing at MSTC includes touring the campus classrooms and labs. Stokes explained, "After testing and touring MSTC departments, the students seem to become more motivated about their future education and careers. It's good for them to see actual college students attending their classes. The teens realize they can try it, too!"

"After I explain *Strong* results to students in a group setting, I encourage them to discuss their results and career interests with their parents and school career counselor," said Stokes about the interpretation process. "I stress the fact that the *Strong* offers career suggestions. Exploring career options can be an on-going process." Elba High School Guidance Counselor Mike Camley said, "After our students receive their results, I'll talk to

them individually to find out how they feel about their career interests. The testing adds to our efforts in helping our ninth graders over the next four years in deciding their future career goals. Elba High School appreciates MacArthur State taking the time and effort to test our students."

Tech Prep has a six-year program that spans the freshman year in high school through an associate's degree, with options to continue for a bachelor's degree. The South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium has articulation agreements signed by superintendents and presidents of all participating schools.

Sponsored by the South Central Alabama Tech Prep Consortium, the Tech Prep Program funds the career testing. MacArthur State Technical College serves as fiscal agent for the consortium.

## Zion Chapel Elementary announces honor roll

### "A" Honor Roll

**First Grade**  
Lawson Amlong, Mercedes Bell, Ryan Berry, Megan Cox, Audrianna Deal, Stephanie Deneus, Ashleigh DeSandro, Talisha Faulk, Samantha Girouard, Huey Green, Kristin Liptrot, Shelby McCollough, Virginia Miley, Courtney Napper, Cheyenne Nelson, Sage Peterson, Noah Sanders, Chelsea Smith and Zackary Ward

### Second Grade

Sarah Allen, Brandon Barnhill, Kelli Behrens, Wesley Black, Shelby Boswell, Hillarie Davis, Erin Dismukes, Michelle Downing, Paige Gibson, Kayla Hurd, Lavia Mills, Kyla Pope, Derrick Sanders and Montana Senn

### Third Grade

Alex Archie, Weston Brown, Nathaniel Cox, Dillon Davis, Hillary Davis, Hayden Gibson, Tanner Grant, Henry Hayes Jr., Heather Hines, Stephanie Holladay, Tara Howe-Davis, Heather McCollough, Alexis Messina, Erika Mount, Johnna Myers, Nicole Napper, Shane Nelson, Landan Peters, Joshua Richards, Dillon Roberts, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Lance Walden, Joey White and Joshua Williams

### Fourth Grade

Kirsten Collins, Chelsey

### First Grade

Freeman, Kelly Hatcher, Ciara Belvin, Sierra Bush, Tiffany Childs, Jason Cooper, Alicia Frazier, Zachary Gilbert, Logan Hall, Marla Hood, Lay-La Hussey, Logan Leverett, Kevin Little, Samantha Paez, Zachary Sawyer, Zachary Senn and David Snellgrove

### Second Grade

Kenneth Arnette, Kayla Bagwell, William Bedsole, Logan Berry, Andrew Coleman, Jonathan Edwards, Hayden Ellis, Taylor Faulkner, Bratton Grant, Anna Hardy, Jake Holladay, Victoria Houston-Stinson, Camden Kelley, Faith Ketcham, Brandon Liptrot, Shelby Maxie, Justin McWaters, Amelia Pettry, Brandi Quattlebaum, Shalanda Rudolph, Alexis Senn, Blake Simmons, Dustin Walden and Sydney Williamson

### Third Grade

Nathaniel Bagwell, Savannah

### Fourth Grade

Kirsten Collins, Chelsey

### First Grade

Callie Brown, Amber Lasier, Mary Mack, Julie Nobles, Caitlyn Norris, Benji Peacock, Kyle Whitman

### Second Grade

Trent Archie, Sara Mock, Arron Rachel, Jake Vaughan

### Third Grade

Dillon Bowdoin, Forrest Brown, Hunter Devine, Lee Devine, Ric Johnson, Brian Lasier, Joseph Nobles, Brandon Peirce, Gray Rabren, Tyler Reeves, Amber Smith

### Fourth Grade

Crystal Baker, Tracy Edwards, Dalton Fuller, AJ Johnson, Hollie Kilcrease, Caleb Norris, Anthony Pezza, Kevin Rachel

### Fifth Grade

Shayla Ballard, Suzanne Chance, Clay Craig, Whitney Davis, John Moss, Ethan Nobles, Samantha Peacock, Courtney Pierce, Christie Whigham

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## BOARD HEARS CONSTRUCTION REPORT & BRACES FOR PRORATION County BOE recognizes accomplishments

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met in regular session, Thursday evening, Jan. 25, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. without having any time.

Highlighting the meeting was special recognition to three individuals - a teacher, coach and student - whose accomplishments have brought positive recognition to the Coffee County School System.

Zion Chapel Principal Wayne Vickers presented Coach Randy Grant and Josh Mehaffey to the board members. He told them that Coach Grant's being named Coach of the Year for Class 1A to Class 3A schools in the area by the Dothan Eagle.

Vickers commented that under Grant's leadership, ZC's football team finished this year's season with a 6-4 record and participated in the first round of the state playoffs. This was all after a 1-17 record the previous two years. ZC was also named county champs with wins over Kinston and New Brockton.

Vickers also recognized Senior Josh Mehaffey, a running back on the Rebels' football team, for being named to the Eagle's Super 12 Seniors Class 1A to Class 3A. He commented that Mehaffey had over 1,000 yards rushing for the season and exemplified great leadership qualities in the Kingston game.

"Josh, along with his teammates, kind of took over the ballgame there at the end. It was nip and tuck there until the very end."

Coach Grant thanked the board and the superintendent's office for the support given to Zion Chapel and its sports program.

Both Grant and Mehaffey received certificates of recognition from the Dothan Eagle and the Coffee County BOE for their accomplishments.

Dr. Linda Ingram recognized Ann Allison, a teacher at the New Brockton Elementary School, for her recent certification by a national board.

Allison recently joined the ranks of 145 other teachers as an Alabama National Board Certified Teacher. She is certified as a middle childhood (ages 7 through 12) teacher. The provision of the National Board of Teaching Standards is to "establish high and vigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do."

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Members of the Opi and Kinston fire departments assisted authorities in removing Lawrence's body from the vehicle. Also on the scene was a unit of the Kinston Rescue Squad.

The car crash is being investigated by Alabama State Trooper David McGowan. He was assisted at the scene by investigators from the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies and a unit from the Elba Police Department.

The individual ejected from the vehicle was transported to Elba General Hospital by Coffee County EMS. He was identified as Jason Carter Mitchell, 10, of the same address as Lawrence. Mitchell was a passenger in the car. The two individuals were reportedly half brothers.

Mitchell was later transferred to a Dothan hospital where he remains in serious guarded condition.

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A special called Elba grand jury indicted a Kinston man on charges of first-degree domestic violence in connection with a brutal attack on his two-month-old daughter that occurred in October of 2000.

Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, 19, was indicted by the grand jury on the Class A felony charge and now, if convicted, faces the possibility of serving not less than 10 years and up to life imprisonment. Also, he could be fined up to \$20,000. The relatively new charge also carries a stipulation that upon conviction, the accused would have to spend at least one year in the prison system which means, any possible sentence handed down could not be suspended to exclude time in prison.

Wilkerson remains in isolation in the Coffee County Jail with bond set at \$500,000. He has been in jail since his arrest in October 2000. A date has not been set for his arraignment in the Coffee County Circuit Court-Elba Division.

The baby has since been released from the hospital and according to reports "seems to have made a miraculous recovery and is doing very well." At

one time, the baby was on life support at Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham where it was flown by air ambulance from an Andalusia hospital for treatment.

There were reports of severe injuries including burns, broken bones, torn skin and internal injuries. There was also evidence of other injuries in the past.

Jerome Cobb, who was Kinston's Chief of Police at the time of the incident, said, "This was the worst case of child abuse that he had seen in his 18 years in law enforcement."

Another child belonging to the man is in the custody of the Department of Human Resources, and at this time, a final decision on that matter has not been resolved by the juvenile court.

Mark Fuller, District Attorney of the 12th Judicial Circuit (Coffee and Pike counties), opted to charge Wilkerson with first-degree domestic violence instead of attempted murder because the relatively new charge carries a minimum sentence that exceeds that of attempted in this case.

According to the DA, this is the first time the charge has been applied in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

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The baby has since been released from the hospital and according to reports "seems to have made a miraculous recovery and is doing very well." At

one time, the baby was on life support at Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham where it was flown by air ambulance from an Andalusia hospital for treatment.

There were reports of severe injuries including burns, broken bones, torn skin and internal injuries. There was also evidence of other injuries in the past.

Jerome Cobb, who was Kinston's Chief of Police at the time of the incident, said, "This was the worst case of child abuse that he had seen in his 18 years in law enforcement."

Another child belonging to the man is in the custody of the Department of Human Resources, and at this time, a final decision on that matter has not been resolved by the juvenile court.

Mark Fuller, District Attorney of the 12th Judicial Circuit (Coffee and Pike counties), opted to charge Wilkerson with first-degree domestic violence instead of attempted murder because the relatively new charge carries a minimum sentence that exceeds that of attempted in this case.

According to the DA, this is the first time the charge has been applied in the 12th Judicial Circuit.

Both Grant and Mehaffey received certificates of recognition from the Dothan Eagle and the Coffee County BOE for their accomplishments.

Dr. Linda Ingram recognized Ann Allison, a teacher at the New Brockton Elementary School, for her recent certification by a national board.

Allison recently joined the ranks of 145 other teachers as an Alabama National Board Certified Teacher. She is certified as a middle childhood (ages 7 through 12) teacher. The provision of the National Board of Teaching Standards is to "establish high and vigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do."

The National Board of Certification was developed by teachers, with teachers, and for teachers and is a symbol of professional teaching excellence. It is a fair and trustworthy assessment process that honors the complexity and demands of